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SUBJECT:SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: RINZLER/DACHI LETTER AUGUST 19, BUDAPEST 2961

1. DR. SVATAVA JAKOBSON ARRIVES TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER, 1005 HOURS, L.O. FLIGHT 253. RALPH RINZLER ARRIVES SAME DAY, 1615 HOURS, AUSTRIAN 401. BOTH DEPART 28 SEPTEMBER LOT 254, 1055 HOURS. MODERATE HOTEL RESERVATIONS REQUESTED.

2. BOTH CONFERRED SEPTEMBER 5 WITH JARMER, SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE, HUNGARIAN EMBASSY, SINCE CULTURAL ATTACHE KOLESZA ON LEAVE. BELIEVE JARMER CABLING MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR APPOINTMENTS THERE AND WITH MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS. RINZLER NOW IN EUROPE BUT JAKOBSON HOPES CONFER WITH KOLESZA WASHINGTON PRIOR DEPARTURE.

3. RINZLER BRINGING 16MM FILM AND SLIDES 1975 FESTIVAL TO EXPLAIN SMITHSONIAN CONCEPT REQUIRING NONPROFESSIONAL FOLK ARTISTS WHO PRACTICE SURVIVING FOLK TRADITIONS  
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WITHIN OWN COMMUNITY, RATHER THAN REVIVED TRADITIONS IN THEATER CONTEXT. FESTIVAL IS IN NO SENSE AN INTERNATIONAL

COMPETITION: RATHER PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DEMONSTRATION

CULTURAL CONTINUITY FROM OLD WORLD TO NEW.

9. WHILE NOT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC, RINZLER/JAKOBSON HOPE  
OBTAIN SOME SENSE OF GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT AND SUGGESTION  
OF HUNGARIAN ETHNOMUSICOLOGIST OR FOLKLORIST WHO COULD  
ACCOMPANY JAKOBSON ON LATER FIELD RESEARCH VISIT. KISSINGER

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